intervals. Traffic is not held up for any great stretch of road. As I told you it is sectional, and notice of it is given in time, long before any such temporary closure arises.

In regard to cattle I quite agree with you that straying cattle are a nuisance to traffic ; but all the cattle in the country do not belong to Government. It is the duty of the owners of cattle to keep them tied up. If every cow in the State belonged to Government I have no doubt Government would be able to do it.

You talk of licenses of drivers as though the suspension of licenses, the endorsing of licenses, the revocation of licenses and the refusal of licenses are new things. Let me tell you that these also are matters of daily occurrence, which the Police Commissioner deals with in his control of traffic.

You talk of tolls. We all have to suffer from them. We all have to be held up sometimes. Bamboos are placed across the way. Such little inconveniences people have to put up with for the privilege of enjoying the very fine roads of Travancore.

You talk of metal stacks. I am able to tell you that the Chief Engineer has recently issued orders that all road metal should be carefully stacked either well away on the road side or in bays specially made for the purpose alongside of the roads.

30. Prevention of the oppression of the poor by rowdies.

MR. KRIMBELL JOSHUA (*Member, Nominated*) said that journey along the public roads particularly in rural parts was very unsafe owing to the ravages of rowdies. The police were often found to be in league with these people. More effective control on the part of the police was therefore absolutely necessary. Police arrangements had particularly to be made in markets.

DEWAN'S REPLY : Mr. Krimbell Joshua, here again you talk of wholesale and universal oppressive acts of rowdies extending all over the country and as a matter of daily occurrence everywhere. You will be helping the police a great deal in putting down such acts where they do occur, if you would bring these affairs when you discover them to the notice of the nearest Inspector of Police or Assistant Superintendent of Police as the case may be. However, I shall have your representation communicated to the Commissioner of Police and I am sure he will do whatever is needed in the matter.

31. Agricultural needs of the Tovala taluk.

MR. ARUMUKHA PERUMAL PILLAI MATHEVAN PILLAI (*Member, Tovala taluk*) began with saying that Government were not paying adequate attention to the conservation of the minor irrigation tanks in the Tovala taluk. Most of the tanks had been allowed by Government to be auctioned away without regard to their irrigational utility. The remaining tanks at least had to be preserved. Arrangements had also to be made for a judicious distribution of water from the channels.

The member next turned to cattle rearing, as regards which he said that what was most urgently wanted was the opening of a sufficient number of grazing grounds. Much of the degeneration of the cattle in the country could according to him be set down to want of proper grazing grounds.

The member next said that the artificial manures used by the Agricultural Department in their experimental farms were not gaining in popularity because the experimental operations were very costly. The yield from the farms was out of all proportion to the cost of the manures and the cost of demonstration. It would therefore be a better arrangement in the opinion of the member if the manures were sold by co-operative societies. It was incidentally pointed out that the Agricultural Department had failed in the treatment of plant pests.

Dealing with other measures for the fostering of agriculture in Nanjinad, the member suggested that the burden of taxation on paddy lands might be reduced, and that taxes might be remitted in seasons of failure of crops or when the lands lay fallow. Agricultural loans had also to be issued more judiciously in accordance with

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